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Dear Children and Parents,

As you know, there has been much talk and media interest regarding the possible return to school for some pupils. I would like to make it very clear that this is something that the trust, and its schools, are looking at but we are not rushing into any decision at this time.

Before we can consider opening for more pupils there are many factors that need to be taken into account at each of our schools. Once we have considered all of these we will then be able to make a decision as to whether we are able to increase our offer to other children in the coming weeks. We obviously want to see everyone back in school but this must be done in a safe and supportive way for everyone in our community.

I know that you will appreciate that we must take our time to fully consider everything and to be able to give you all of the information that you will need to enable parents to make a decision in the coming weeks. I must stress that although we are making plans these are not definite and may not even happen due to many different factors. We are taking into account the national need but more importantly are also considering the local issues for this community. I am sure you fully understand the position we are taking on this as this community, and the well being of everyone, will always be the key factor in all we do.

I know that this week many of you will be doing more after the slight relaxation of the lockdown rules. However, many of the restrictions are still in place and we will be continuing to following these with our current offer, until we inform you otherwise. During this time I would like to encourage you to work with your children and to talk to them about their personal space and also hygiene procedures, including washing hands regularly and using a tissue and placing this in a bin.

I will continue to update you of our plans over the coming days and weeks but, in the meantime, I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

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